

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Mark Watson on 08 January 2010.

Claim 4, line 5 before "the number" insert -- increase --.

Claim 16, line 7 before "the number" insert -- increase --.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The art of record was not seen to disclose both encoding according to a bit order determined based on frequency of signal transitions and reordering to increase the number of consecutive bits with an identical logic value for a serial link.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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